

service rates as it may deem necessary, chargeable against all properties having a connection with any water pipe under its ownership. Said rates shall be uniform throughout the City of Salisbury, but subject to change from time to time as necessary. Bills for the amount of the charges shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually, as the Mayor and Council of Salisbury may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the Mayor and Council of Salisbury; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the Mayor and Council of Salisbury shall, after written notice, turn off the water from the property in question, and it shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid. All such service rates shall be liens against the property to which such water may be furnished and shall be collectible as city taxes are now or may hereafter be by law collected and shall have the same priority rights, bear the same interest and penalties and in every respect be treated the same as said taxes now are.

1924, ch. 494, sec. 16.

**336.** After the expiration of four years from the date of the ratification of this Act by the qualified voters of the City of Salisbury, at which time the Commission appointed hereunder shall be discharged and cease to function, all the duties imposed upon the said Commission by any of the provisions of this Act shall devolve upon and be discharged by the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, and at the same time all the powers conferred upon said Commission by this Act shall likewise pass to and be exercised by the said the Mayor and Council of Salisbury, it being the intent hereof to confer upon the Mayor and Council of Salisbury the power to complete that part of the water and sewer systems of the City of Salisbury, authorized under this Act, that shall not have been completed by the said Commission during the four years of its existence, and the power to maintain, repair and operate the same.

1924, ch. 494, sec. 17.

**337.** Whenever the term "Commission" is used in this Act it shall be construed as referring to "The Salisbury Water and Sewer Commission," created under Section 322 hereof.

1924, ch. 494, sec. 18.

**338.** Every act or omission designated as a misdemeanor in this Act, unless otherwise provided, shall be punishable upon conviction before any justice of the peace or in the Circuit Court of the county within which said offense is committed, by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or imprisonment for thirty days in the county jail, or both, in the discretion of the court or justice, reserving, nevertheless, unto the party aggrieved the right of appeal as is now provided under the general laws of the State. Where such act or omission is of a containing nature and is persisted in in violation of the provisions of this Act, or of any rules or regulations formulated hereunder, a conviction for one offense shall not be a bar to a conviction for a continuation of such offense subsequent to the first or any succeeding conviction.